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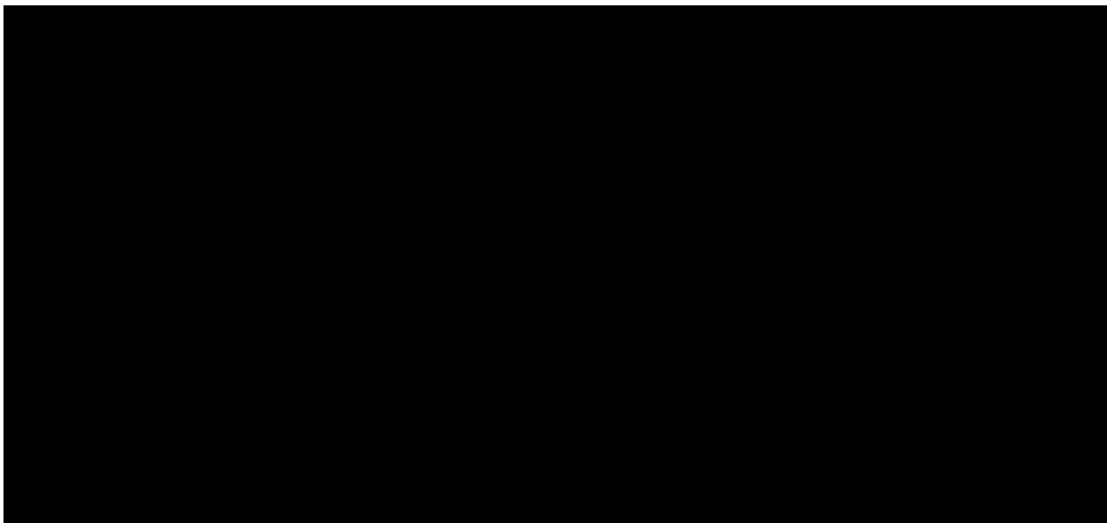
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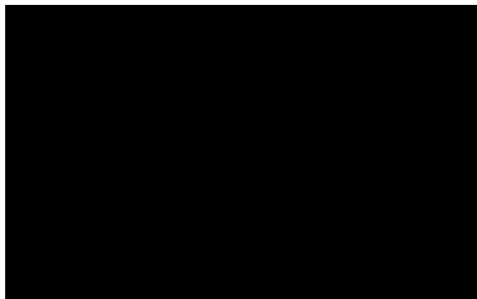
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4. SOVIET-RUMANIAN COMMUNIQUE

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The Soviet-Rumanian communiqué issued in Moscow on 3 December pays lip service to Rumania's "national sovereignty," but places greater emphasis on the need to strengthen the "unity" of the Sino-Soviet bloc. It states Soviet troops in Rumania will remain temporarily, in view of the aggressive tactics of Western imperialists, although mention was made of later consultations between Warsaw pact nations concerning the ultimate disposition of these forces.

This communiqué amounts to the first public declaration since the suppression of the Hungarian revolution of the policy the USSR hopes to apply generally to the European Satellites. It does not contradict the Soviet-Polish communiqué of 18 November, but variations in emphasis and specific content reveal the totally different nature of Polish and Rumanian relations with the USSR.

Poland, in addition to gaining promises for significant and long-term economic aid from the USSR--including the cancellation of old debts, was given a voice in the control of Soviet troop movements within Poland and was able to avoid any public declaration of support for the Soviet intervention in Hungary. Rumania, on the other hand, received only a relatively minor commitment for much-needed economic aid, including postponement but not cancellation of certain debt payments. It secured no agreement concerning Soviet military units within Rumania and specifically endorsed the Soviet line toward Hungary, including the Soviet contention that it was the USSR's international "duty" to use force against the "fascist counter-revolutionaries." (CONFIDENTIAL)

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